

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

FROM: **WILLIAM H. RANDOLPH**
 County Administrative Officer

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 1744 (LONGVILLE) PROVIDING FOR SIX
 MONTH EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR LOCAL HOUSING ELEMENT**

RECOMMENDATION: Support Assembly Bill 1744 (Longville) providing for a six month extension to the current due date for the submission of Local housing element revisions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Existing law requires local governments within the regional jurisdiction of the Southern California Association of Governments to revise their respective general plan housing elements by June 30, 2000 for the 3rd revision and June 30, 2005 for the 4th revision. AB 1744 would extend the date of submission for the 3rd revision to December 31, 2000. The bill includes an urgency clause and for that reason would take effect upon being signed by the Governor.

Local jurisdictions in the SCAG region were delayed in proceeding with housing element revisions because the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), a key factor in housing element development, was not adopted by SCAG until November 1999. Currently, Land Use Services staff is reviewing responses to a Request for Proposals for a consultant to update the County's Housing element last revised in 1993. Staff anticipates recommending to the Board a consultant services contract by March. Assuming a contract is awarded in March, the consultant would have four months to meet the current statutory deadline. Staff believes that four months is an insufficient time-frame to develop a planning document that was last updated in 1993 and that a six-month extension to the June 30, 2000 deadline will allow for a more thorough planning effort.

Existing law does not include penalties should the County not meet the current deadline but there is potential legal exposure to not having an adopted revised housing element. An extension will eliminate this exposure assuming the County revises its housing element prior to a new deadline.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

REVIEWED BY: This item has been reviewed by Economic Development and Public Services Group staff and the Department of Land Use Services.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Darren Kettle

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